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Air conditioning plant.—The proposal has been deferred for the present in view of the present financial stringency."

Taking over of reserved forests from the forest panchayats in Pulivendla taluk.

* 112 *Q.*—SRI N. SIVARAMI REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the reasons for taking over reserved forests from the forest panchayats of Lingala and Velidandla in Pulivendla taluk, Cuddapah district ; and

(*b*) whether the Government consulted the said panchayats before taking over the forests from them?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (*a*) These forest lands were reported to have been badly managed. The policy of the Government is to transfer the management of all forests to the control of the Forest department.

" (*b*) No."

SRI N. SIVARAMI REDDI :—" లింగాల వెలిదండ్లలో (పహ, కడపజిల్లా ముద్దనూరు, వేంపల్లి రేంజీలలో అనేక రిజర్వు ఫారెస్టులలో చెట్లుచేమలేవు కాబట్టి వాటినన్నిటిని విచారించి disreserve చేస్తారా? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" A separate question may be put."

SRI G. C. KONDAYYA :—" నెల్లూరు జిల్లాలో ఉన్నటువంటి చిన్న చిన్న forestsను పంచాయతీల నుండి తీసుకొని ప్రభుత్వమువారి అజమాయిషీలో వుంచుతున్నారు. ఈ forests తిరిగి పంచాయతీలకు యివ్వటానికి ప్రభుత్వము ఆలోచిస్తున్నారా ?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" This has nothing to do with the present question. The hon. Member may put a separate question."

Question No. 113 postponed to 25th March 1953.

Anti-malarial operation in Coondapur taluk, South Kanara.

* 114 *Q.*—SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Community Project Officer of South Kanara area has made any representation to the Government to accord him necessary permission to start anti-malarial operation in the 19 villages of Coondapoor taluk which is included in the Project Area ; and

(*b*) if so, what steps the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The anti-malarial operations under the normal programme approved by the Government have been recently extended to

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the 19 villages of the Coondapur taluk referred to and therefore a special allotment for this purpose in the Community Project Budget is not considered necessary."

SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY :—" As it is our experience that unavoidable delay is being caused in getting petty schemes sanctioned by Government and this in turn results in delaying in pushing through those schemes, will the Government consider the desirability of investing these Executive Officers with power to sanction schemes costing not more than Rs. 10,000? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, I do not like delegating powers of sanction too much. Hon. Members are requested by me earnestly to assist us in maintaining order in our accounts. It is dangerous for us to grant executive officers wide powers of sanction. We do not delay matters. So far as the Community Project schemes are concerned I know they are being sanctioned quickly and expeditiously. Complete transfer of responsibility is not desirable in the interests of the officers themselves."

Opening of an experimental section in Government Textile Institute, Madras.

* 115 *Q.*—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state the action taken by the Government regarding the recommendation made by the Madras Handloom Committee in its meeting held on 4th August 1952 that an experimental section should be opened in the Government Textile Institute for the purpose of evolving designs suited to the tastes of the consuming public and passing them on to the handloom weavers for adoption?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The recommendation of the Madras Handloom Committee for opening an experimental section in the Government Textile Institute is under the consideration of the Government."

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—" How long will the Government take to arrive at a decision? It is already seven months old."

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" We shall try to arrive at a decision very soon."

Cloth designing section in Government Textile Institute.

* 116 *Q.*—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the research cloth designing section was started in the Government Textile Institute;

(*b*) what amount has been spent during the last five years on establishment of that section;

(*c*) what was the travelling allowance spent by the research designers during the last five years;